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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know how the hon. Minister is deciding whether a particular case deserves grant or not ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" On the work it is doing and on the report of the activities of the dispensary I get."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know who gives the report ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government have various sources of getting information."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether there is a condition attached that some persons at least should get admission though they may not pay for it, and whether otherwise these grants will be withheld ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" These grants are given only to deserving cases, and if on any account, Government think any institution does not deserve the grant, it will be withheld."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether Government have any objection to give grants if dispensaries undertake to run free, and if their aims are legitimate ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" That is a hypothetical question."

Prevalence of smallpox in Madras City.

*1770 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) when the present smallpox epidemic broke out in the Madras City ;

(b) the number of attacks and deaths that have taken place so far ;

(c) how many of these were children and adults respectively and whether the children had all been vaccinated and the adults revaccinated ; and

(d) whether the Government have got these statistics examined with a view to find out how far vaccination affords protection against smallpox ?

A.—(a) Early in January 1930.

(b) Attacks 351
Deaths 60
(from the 1st January 1930 to 20th March 1930).

(c) A statement [a] is annexed.

(d) No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Sir, it is stated here that the epidemic smallpox broke out early in January 1930. May I know whether the Minister is not aware that it has been in the city for the last ten months ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Government got the information on inquiry that it broke out early in January 1930, and they have nothing else to add."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" I find from the statistics supplied that there are a number of children who died of smallpox even though they are vaccinated. May I know whether those deaths were verified ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" These are the figures supplied by the returning officers on whom the responsibility lies. Government do not see anything to question their returns."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Do Government realize the seriousness of the situation, in view of the fact that in spite of vaccination children fall a vic im to smallpox ? Does that not show that vaccination is not done properly ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Government have no reason to think so. If the hon. Member thinks the Corporation is not doing it properly he may ask the Corporation to improve."

Registration

Preparation of indexes to registered documents in the vernacular.

*1771 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that indexes to documents registered are maintained in English in the District Registrars' offices and in vernacular in the Sub-Registrars' offices ; and

(b) if so, the reasons for maintaining the former in English instead of in vernacular when they are really intended for the perusal of the public, the majority of the literates among whom know only the vernaculars ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) A report has been called for from the Inspector-General of Registration.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—" May I know whether the report has now been received ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" No, not yet."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Are not the documents registered in the offices of district registrars in the vernacular ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I believe it is so."

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UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Inams

Resumption of artisan inams in West Godavari district.

1772 Q.—Rao Sahib B. VENKATARAMAYYA NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are aware that in the West Godavari district village artisan service inams are being resumed in the case of alienation ;

(b) whether there are any proposals to bring any legislation regulating alienation in such cases ; and

(c) whether the Government have issued or propose to issue any orders stopping resumption in such cases pending such legislation ?